

Social Issues

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Murders are often high profile events, yet after sentencing, murderers are locked up and the public forgets about them. For some of these men and women, their sentences carry the possibility of parole someday. Bay are journalist, Nancy Mullane, wanted to know what happens to these murderers as they spend decades locked up behind bars and then find themselves available for parole. In Mullane's new book, "Life After Murder," five "lifers" from San Quentin Prison share the twists and turns of their road to freedom and in dealing with the outside		
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ONE Moms is a non-profit organization where women help fight poverty and preventable diseases in Third World countries, especially in Africa, through the written word. Rana Diorio shares stories of her inspiring trip to Ethiopia. She mot only was able to connect with mothers in Ethiopia, but she was able to learn how foreign aid is helping developing countries stand on their own. Diorio is one of millions of women involved in ONE, the anti-poverty organization founded by Bono.		
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The Day of the Dead is a wonderful Hispanic and Latino tradition, where people of the community come together and celebrate the lives of their deceased family. It's a day of remembrance, festivities, games and great food. Mario Juarez and Tine "Tamales" Ramos discuss the large Dia de los Muertos festivities held in the Fruitvale District in Oakland. People come from across the country to Oakland to celebrate the memories of their families and participate in this famous cultural tradition.		
11/3/12	Bay Area People	10:00
As the topic of stems cells continues to intrigue the public, there is another form of obtaining certain stem cells that not many know about, and that is through blood of the umbilical cord. Better known as cord blood, these stem cells have been used to treat and cure a number of diseases, including reports of it successfully curing HIV/AIDS. Find out more about this fascinating topic and about cord blood storage banks and donations.		

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Omega Boys Club Founder & Executive Director, Joe Marshall, is celebrating 25 years of helping at-risk teens turn their lives around from gangs and drugs to colleges and careers. Using their radio program, "Street Soldiers," Dr. Marshall has been able to reach out to thousands of teens; giving them advice and support. One of the program's many successes is Andre Aikin, who changed his life around from street violence and drugs to now working as Operations Manager for the Omega Boys Club.

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The holiday season is almost here, and anticipation is running high for the annual SF SPCA's Pet Adoption Holiday Windows Display. This will be the 11th year shoppers see adorable and adoptable puppies and kittens in the display window at Macy's Union Square. All of the animals on display are up for adoption on the spot. The unveiling of the windows takes place November 16th at 5pm. and will remain throughout the holiday season until January 2nd, 2013.

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"Wish Upon a Wedding" is a non-profit organization that grants and provides weddings to those with terminal or life-altering illnesses. In its third year, the non-profit has already granted its' fiftieth wedding this year in Chicago. With 23 chapters nationwide, couples who could not afford a wedding before, can now sign up for a possibility to temporarily forget their woes and celebrate their love, with the help of "Wish Upon a Wedding." The organization provides all of the services needed for a wedding, including a cake, venue and the bride's wedding gown.

11/17/12 Bay Area People

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Renowned photographer, Carolyn Jones, and Nurse, Rhoda Collins, give insight to the challenges and joys of being a nurse in America, in their book, "The American Nurse." This book depicts professional nurses in various environments, whether working in large hospitals and cities or smaller towns and clinics. The book included touching stories and biographies of American nurses. The authors explain why they decided to make this book and share their experiences with some of the nurses photographed.

11/17/12 Bay Area People

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As we approach the winter months, and the days grow shorter and darker, and many people may find themselves lethargic and gloomy. Thousands of people in the U.S. suffer from a seasonal depression, also known as seasonal affective disorder or SAD. Dr. Robert K. Dolgoff, the Director for Mental Health Services, with Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Berkeley, tells us some people can overcome their depression through light therapy.

11/24/12 Bay Area People

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The CK Gallery in Oakland is playing host to a unique exhibition that mixes art with history, titled, "I Am America: Black Genealogy Through the Eye of an Artist." Creator Kevin La Grone discusses his inspiration in creating the exhibit and how he went about representing Black individuals from the time of the Civil War era. Artist James Gayles shares perspective on the art pieces made for the exhibit by himself and other artists.

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12/1/12 Bay Area People

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Global Winter Wonderland returns to the Bay Area, lighting up the Great America theme park in Santa Clara. The holiday season is bright and welcoming, with thousands of lights and lanterns cleverly arranged to create a magical world of glowing culture and diversity. Founder, Lulu Huang, and spokesperson, Sandra Varner, discuss this holiday event and how you can come join the fun.

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Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation challenges pet lovers to help raise 12,000 pounds of dog and cat food. This holiday season campaign attempts to provide food to the pets of families in need. Volunteer, Gayle McDuff, and Director, Kim Tarmen, explain Arf's goal and the importance of the food drive. All donations will be turned over to the Salvation Army in Concord for distribution. We also have with us, Flounder, an 18 week terrier mix puppy that is available for adoption.

12/8/12 Bay Area People

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Tim Luym, Chef and partner with Attic Restaurant in San Mateo shares his recipe for lifelong Garlic Noodles with Dungeness crab. This easy to make recipe combines typical Asian flavors with the famous in-season Dungeness Crab in San Francisco. It's a quick way to take advantage of great, fresh, Bay Area produce during the coming holiday season.

12/15/12 Bay Area People

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Bay Area author and attorney, Anu Peshwaria, opens the closed door of domestic abuse that is very prevalent in immigrant South Asian homes. Thousands of South Asian woman fall in love, marry and enter into the U.S. to make a new home with the husbands and in-laws. Or that is what they were led to believe. Many of these Indian women are married through arranged marriages and find themselves isolated and humiliated by their abusive husbands and parents in-laws. Peshwaria offers stories and solutions on how the governments of India and the U.S. can and should change immigrant laws and regulations that would help these women avoid very traumatic situations.

Previously aired.

12/22/12 Bay Area People

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Find out about a software program that helps patient in search of a kidney transplant, find potential donor matches. The program was developed by a patient in search of a kidney transplant himself and is now being used by the California Pacific Medical Center. Hear what the software's creator has to say about this new format to help find matches at a much quicker rate and learn about the success the software has already had in matching patients and donors.

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12/22/12 Bay Area People

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Although the recently passed Affordable Health Care Act stops insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions, this part of the law does not go into effect until 2014. In the interim, the government has set up a plan for those suffering with serious illnesses. Find out how someone with a pre-existing condition can keep their health expenses covered this week on Bay Area People.

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Artist Andrew Kong Knight wanted to give back to his local community and did it in a big way. Working with the City of Hayward, Knight took over three large walls outside of the Century Theater parking lot in downtown Hayward. Bringing a touch of old Hollywood, Knight created three large murals for some outside artwork that is hard to miss.

Previously aired.

12/29/12 Bay Area People

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On May 18th, the California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco conducted a “kidney swap” of four donors and four patients in need of kidney transplants. This donor pairing is a result of a unique software program developed by David Jacobs, a software developer, who also received a life-saving kidney transplant from CPMC. Five of the eight donor/recipients share their experience in this kidney swap. With the emphasis on the need for donors who are willing to donate a healthy kidney to a stranger. Dr. Steven Katznelson, CPMC’s Medical Director of their Kidney Transplant Program, says that more multi-donor /transplant surgeries will be possible at an accelerated rate due to the software program that is being used to match donors to patients who need a kidney transplant.

Previously aired.

11/7/12 10:00pm News

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A community celebration tonight honoring a Bay Area organization that’s been providing services to military veterans for 38 years. The group, “Swords to Plowshares,” is preparing to start a new chapter. The organization has transformed this vacant building in the South of Market neighborhood into a one of a kind home for veterans. One any given night in San Francisco, hundreds of homeless veterans “combat” life on the streets. Crews are working on the first housing facility for veterans to be built in the city in 12 years. Each veteran will stay in a furnished efficiency apartment with private bath and kitchenette, they will also receive comprehensive care and services onsite. Veterans are expected to move in at the end of the month.

11/9/12 10:00pm News

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Thousands of registered nurses are expected to walk off the job next week. The California Nurses Assoc. and National Nurses United, announced the strike today. It includes nurses at eight Sutter Health hospitals in the Bay Area and two HCA affiliated hospitals. Both groups plan to walk out Tuesday, with the Sutter nurses continuing to strike wednesday. The unions say the nurses are upset over patient care conditions and contract disputes. We tell you which hospitals will be impacted.

11/9/12 10:00pm News

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There’s word tonight of a new funding deal that could help save San Leandro Hospital. The City of San Leandro and Alameda County have each agreed to pay three million dollars to keep the hospital open at least three more years. If Sutter Medical approves the deal, ownership would be transferred from Sutter to Alameda County. The hospital has been losing money and needs an estimated \$6 million per year to operate.

11/9/12 10:00pm News

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A group of Bay Area combat veterans tried a new type of therapy today...swimming with the dolphins at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom. The trip was organized by Yountville's non-profit, "Pathway Home for Veterans." The vets say being in the water with the dolphins helps them cope with the emotional stress from combat. Bret McCauley, combat veteran said, "This type of environment, a positive environment, where everyone is smiling and having fun...it just helps so much and fills so many holes we have in ourselves."

11/9/12 10:00pm News

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A few members of the Occupy movement are reliving the past tonight on the campus of UC Berkeley. Protestors set up tents to mark one year, since campus police broke up the Occupy Cal encampment at Sproul Plaza. About ten people said they plan to stay overnight. Last year, UC Police used batons to remove the occupiers. The protestors accused the officers of excessive force and filed a \$15 million lawsuit, which is still pending.

11/9/12 10:00pm News

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San Francisco is on the verge of paying for sex change operations for people who are uninsured. Health Commissioner Cecilia Chung says it is not a choice; she underwent sexual re-assignment several years ago said it really helped her find a way to improve her quality of life. Chung points to the discrimination and violence faced daily by transgender men and women. San Francisco Supervisor Scott Weiner says providing the surgery is in line with corporate health care benefits. The benefits are set to be offered about a year from now, after the city sets up the qualifications and lines up the providers to perform the surgeries.

11/12/12 10:00pm News

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Today was the opening day for a new San Francisco housing development designed specifically with veterans in mind. "Sword to Plowshares" partnered with the Chinatown Community Development Center to create 75 single occupancy units. The \$29 million project includes a ground floor medical clinic and rooms with space for wheelchairs to maneuver easily.

11/12/12 10:00pm News

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Less than a week after voters in two states legalized the recreational use of marijuana...California's Governor is weighing in. Brown said, "I would say this, it's time for the Justice Department to recognize the sovereignty of the states." Marijuana advocates are now waiting to see how the federal government will react. The Harborside Health Center in Oakland is a medical marijuana dispensary with a relaxed feel, but its' founder says it's been a terrifying year. Steve DeAngelo says he's in a legal battle with the federal government to stay open, despite complying with California's medical marijuana laws. Marijuana advocates don't expect Californians to vote on full legalization until 2016. As for the federal government's stance, the Justice Department says it's reviewing what voters decided on Election Day.

11/20/12 10:00pm News

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In San Francisco, dozens of people came out to observe the 14th Transgender Day of Remembrance...dedicated to transgender homicide victims. The mother of Newark transgender teen, Gwen Aruajo, who was murdered in 2002, addressed the crowd. According to one monitoring project, 265 transgender people were killed around the world from November last year, to November of this year and 15 of them lived in the U.S. Theresa Sparks, of the SF Human Rights Commission, says that education is critical in addressing the prejudice and anger toward transgender people.

11/20/12 10:00pm News

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San Jose women are the healthiest in the nation, according to a new poll from "Self" magazine. 84% of women in San Jose exercise, only 8% smoke, and 99.8% wear seat belts. They also live an average of 84 years, which is three years longer than the norm.

11/20/12 10:00pm News

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New information tonight on the Sutter nurses strike affecting ten Bay Area hospitals. It is the seventh strike in three months...and as we report, Sutter is now taking action and that's left both sides at an impasse. Sutter Delta has conformed to us tonight that it has unilaterally implemented parts of the disputed nurses' contract, that's legal, but it's angering striking nurses. We've learned that four nurses have lost health benefits. Hospitals say emergency, surgery and patient care remain normal with replacement workers filling in. Key issues are; no paid healthcare for part timers, fewer days off, and lower pay for new hires. Non-profit Sutter says given today's economics, the offer is fair. Although these strikes are scheduled for one or two days, some hospitals say they will lockout nurses until Sunday. They say that will allow them to hire the best replacements.

11/20/12 10:00pm News

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Our Special Report tonight is about new, evolving viruses that are becoming more dangerous than ever. Tonight, we show how local researchers are in a race against time to discover the mutations and protect the human race. It came from the sea...an invisible mutant..attacking marine mammals. It's one of a new crop of viruses...suddenly adapted to humans. Marine Mammal scientists say they have not yet detected this new virus in the Bay Area. Dr. Charles Chiu runs UCSF's Viral Diagnostic and Discovery Center, he and colleagues are detectives...searching the world for unknown killers. They reported just last thursday...finding a completely new intestinal virus in sick California children...called the "M-X-Polyoma Virus. It's estimated that 95% of viruses are unknown. Scientists say, we're in a war for survival.

11/26/12 10:00pm News

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The American Academy of a Pediatrics prestigious medical group released a new policy statement today, urging doctors to give sexually active teenagers...prescriptions for emergency contraceptives in advance. The American Academy of Pediatrics says immediate access to the "morning after pill," could lower teenage pregnancies. Teens 16 or younger are required to have a prescription to get the emergency contraceptive. Teens 17 and older can but the "morning after pill" over the counter.

11/26/12 10:00pm News

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Hundreds of homeless people are settling in for the night with a warm meal in their stomachs and a roof over their heads. The winter shelters are now open in Santa Clara County and we find out how caring for the homeless won't end with the season. County census surveys show on any given night, about 7,000 people are on the street in Santa Clara County. The shelters will stay open through the end of March.

11/28/12 10:00pm News

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The owner of a Berkeley medical marijuana collective that was ordered to close down...says he can't afford to battle with the city any longer. The Berkeley City Council declared "Perfect Plants - Patients' Group," a nuisance, and earlier this month...ordered it to shut down. The council says they are violating zoning laws. He plans to move his business to Vallejo.

11/28/12 10:00pm News

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Anthem Blue Cross is seeking to raise its' premiums...an average of 18% for some 600,000 policy holders in California. The organization the largest for-profit health insurer in the state. Anthem says the profit margin on its' individual insurance business in California is less than one percent this year and it expects to lose money next year...even with these proposed rate increases.

11/30/12 10:00pm News :26

Opponents of California's ban of "gay conversion therapy," are bringing the issue to federal court. The law prohibits the use of "psychological techniques" to change the sexual orientation of gay minors. This morning in Sacramento, lawyers for counselors and parents who support gay therapy, asked a U.S. District Court Judge to block the measure. They say the ban violates their freedoms of speech and religion. The law is set to take effect January first.

11/30/12 10:00pm News 1:41

There was no decision today from the US Supreme Court on the question of same-sex marriage. We report on the action being taken by San Francisco officials, in anticipation of the ruling. Here at San Francisco City Hall, this couple got married. Thom Watson and Jeff Tabaca also want to get married, and were hoping this would be the day they'd learn whether same sex marriage would become legal in California. The couple could learn more Monday...that's when the high court is set to release another list of cases it will consider. If it takes the case; a decision would most likely come next June. But supporters of same sex marriage are hoping the Supreme Court will decide not to review Prop. 8. That would mean the lower court ruling would take hold...legalizing same-sex marriage in California.

12/1/12 10:00pm News :24

In Oakland today, the Aids Healthcare Foundation opened a new men's Wellness Center, which offers free HIV and AIDS testing. The Wellness Center offers the testing to all males 13 and older. In addition, the center provides the treatment for a number of sexually transmitted diseases. The center is housed next to the "Out of the Closet" thrift store on 18th Street. The clinic is scheduled to be open on Monday and Saturday afternoons.

12/3/12 10:00pm News :27

Those opposed to San Francisco's ban on nudity are expected to show up and perhaps strip down again tomorrow, when the Board of Supervisors meets to take its' final vote on the issue. Several people stripped off their clothes inside City Hall to show their "displeasure" with the ban when the first vote was taken back on November 20th. The legislation prohibits nudity on city streets, plazas, sidewalks and other public spaces, with exceptions permitted for parades, fairs and festivals.

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A Moraga teenager who was denied "Eagle Scout" status and kicked out of the Boy Scouts for being gay, is being recognized by state lawmakers for his personal courage. 18 year old Ryan Andresen attended today's opening legislative session as a special guest of Assembly Speaker John Perez, who is also openly gay. Perez invited Andresen to the session to honor him for what he called, "Andresen's integrity."

12/7/12 10:00pm News 3:00

Christmas is coming early for a man from Redding and a woman from Santa Rosa. Today, they're being given the gift of mobility. It's all part of a special program designed to help people live life without pain. A surgical team at Valley Care Medical Center in Pleasanton, led by Dr. Aaron Salyapongse, joined other orthopedic surgeons across the country today to take part in "Operation Walk USA." The program started two years ago in the U.S., when hospitals across the country began volunteering their time to provide hip and knee replacement surgeries for people who don't qualify for government assistance or don't have health insurance. We first met 62 year old Janah Lopresti, of Santa Rosa, about three weeks ago, when she could barely move. Now she's having her hip replaced for free. Operation Walk organizers say 109 orthopedic surgeons across the country today, provided free joint replacement for more than 200 patients in 29 states.

12/7/12 10:00pm News 2:24

The back and forth debate over same-sex marriage in California is now headed to the nation's highest court. The U.S. Supreme Court said today it will take up the divisive issue of deciding the legality of California's ban on same-sex marriage. San Francisco City Attorney, Dennis Herrera has been fighting for gay marriage since 2004, when the city began allowing marriages. And he has supported Berkeley couple, Kristin Perry and Sandy Stier, who launched the Prop. 8 challenge. We talked with dozens of people in the Castro District and there was a huge range of emotions...from excitement, to concern and some confusion. But today's decision means that same sex couples in California must put marriage plans on hold...yet again.

12/7/12 10:00pm News 1:51

Tonight's report focuses on the Prop. 8, same sex marriage ban in California which will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court and how it could all come down to one vote, with Justice Anthony Kennedy, being the deciding vote. But at least one constitutional expert thinks Chief Justice John Roberts could also "be in play" as a swing vote.

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Opponents of same sex marriage say they are pleased the Supreme Court will decide Prop. 8. The general counsel for “Protect Marriage,” says he believes the justices will decide in its’ favor. He stated that about seven million Californians voted for Prop. 8 and the court should not say that their vote doesn’t count. And if the vote goes against traditional marriage, he said it will be a disappointment for the Democratic process.

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We met one couple in San Francisco, who have been watching and waiting for the Supreme Court ruling. Thom Watson and Jeff Tobaco had a commitment ceremony three years ago, but want a real marriage. The couple is hoping for decision that allows that for them and other gay couples. The couple will be checking the Supreme Court website for news and they have a bottle of bubbly ready for what they hope is a ruling in their favor.

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The United States is divided when it comes to the issue of same-sex marriage. It is “legal” or about to become legal in nine states plus the District of Columbia. Voters in Maryland and Washington approved gay marriage just last month. On the flip side, there are 30 states where same sex marriage is specifically banned. Those states include North Carolina, which is the most recent state where people banned voted to ban same sex marriage. That leaves seven remaining states that fall somewhere in the middle. These states including California, have some form of domestic partnership or civic unions.

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In San Francisco tonight, people gathered in Union Square to light an enormous menorah on this first night of Hanukkah. The menorah was a gift from the late music producer, Bill Graham. People from around the world took part in tonight's celebration. Hanukkah commemorates the second century B.C. Jewish victory over the Greek-Syrian kingdom, which had tried to impose its' culture on Jews.

The suspense continues tonight for those waiting to see whether the U.S. Supreme Court will take up California's Prop. 8, that's the voter approved ban on Same sex marriage. The justices could have announced today that they were "not" going to take up the issue, but they did not address the case. Now, the wait continues until Friday, when the court could again...announce it intends to take up the appeal. The justices are being asked to review an appeals court decision overturning Prop. 8. If the court declines to review the case, gay and lesbian couples will have the right to legally marry in California.